



Woodcut engraving of Lamson & Goodnow's second factory, built in 1851.



The Lamson & Goodnow factory as it appears today.

LAMSON & GOODNOW

Staying true to our heritage, embracing the future

When you've been around as long as Lamson & Goodnow, you see a lot of trends come and go. Some are worth holding onto, while others are not. Here at Lamson & Goodnow, we still reap the benefits of the forethought of our early factory designers. As you can see in the woodcut above, the Lamson & Goodnow factory was built on the banks of the Deerfield River in order to take advantage of the river's power. Today, Lamson & Goodnow still uses the hydroelectric power generated by that channel developed over 150 years ago. And we're still looking for ways to reduce our ecological footprint while creating world-class cutlery. Here are just a few of our initiatives.



Pre-Grid Hydroelectric Power

The most important advantage of hydroelectric power is that it's renewable energy. Hydroelectric power produces no waste, and since it does not burn fossil fuel, hydroelectric power does not produce carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas). In fact, even though the Deerfield River is one of the most heavily used rivers in the country, it is one of the most pristine rivers in Massachusetts, and a nationally renowned destination for canoeing, kayaking, and fly fishing.

Laser



Laser Cutting Technology

In 1999, Lamson & Goodnow purchased a Trumpf laser station that allows faster and more precise cuts than traditional cutting methods. Our laser cutting machine offers many advantages, including reduced scrap, lower costs, and a healthier workplace due to reduced risk of worker injury, and decreased noise levels. Since the only off-gas produced by the laser station is nitrogen, it has virtually no carbon footprint.



Recycled Stainless Steel

Stainless steel is one of the world's most recycled materials—in fact, it is recycled more frequently than either paper or glass. Stainless steel does not lose any of its inherent physical properties during recycling. It takes much less energy and raw materials to recycle stainless steel than it does to refine iron ore. The high-quality stainless steel Lamson & Goodnow uses to produce some of the finest cutlery in the world contains 30% recycled content. Lamson & Goodnow works hard to use or recycle 100% of the stainless steel used in the manufacture of our fine cutlery.



Wood Handle Materials

Lamson & Goodnow purchases all our wood handle materials from vendors who are active members of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Tropical Forest Foundation, the Society for Tropical Foresters, and other sustainable forestry organizations. These organizations manage and protect the magnificent trees that produce the world's most distinctive lumber through responsible forestry. When you see one of these groups' logos on a wood product, you can be confident that you are not contributing to the destruction of the world's forests.



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